



WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

The State of Michigan Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP) was created to provide protection of public water supply systems (PWSS), which use groundwater, from contaminants. It is a voluntary state funded program and provides funds to communities in the form of a 50% matching.

Through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), White Lake Township has applied and was granted a Wellhead Protection Program Grant (WHPP) for October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Our program is designed to provide safe drinking water to our community by implementing public and educational awareness, protect drinking water from potential sources of contamination, and develop and implement management strategies.

FAQ's:

- ✓ White Lake Township water is groundwater, not lake or river water.
- ✓ White Lake Township has both private water wells and community wells.
- ✓ White Lake Township is made up of @ 77% active private water wells.
- ✓ The other 23% are connected to our water system via 12 community wells, and (2) one million gallon water towers.
- ✓ Contaminants can enter the groundwater thru leaking underground storage tanks, hazardous materials spills, active and abandoned wells, improper waste disposal activities, failing and improperly designed septic systems, misuse of fertilizers and pesticides, or byproducts from oil and gas well drilling activities.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT YOUR DRINKING WATER

- ✓ Properly dispose of household hazardous waste (never pour unwanted chemicals down the drain or onto the ground). If you have a spill, use sawdust or kitty litter to absorb the liquid.
- ✓ Properly maintain your septic system by pumping it out periodically (@every 2-3 years). Do not flush grease or non-biodegradable materials into your system.
- ✓ Test your well for contaminants regularly.
- ✓ Locate any unused and abandoned wells on your property and have them properly plugged, per MDEQ and OCHD standards.
- ✓ Consider using "green" products rather than products that contain hazardous materials.